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Miriam Camp spent an hour with me this morning. She has been working in the London Embassy on various economic matters. She has decided to marry an Englishman who, I believe [redacted] is a professor at Cambridge. Although Jamie Bonbright did not consider this would be a bar to her assignment to the Embassy in London, the officials at the Embassy itself do object to it. It appears likely that after the marriage takes place she will have to quit the United States Government service, which would be a great pity as she has always seemed to me brilliant and reliable. There is a chance she may be employed by the Economist.

General Speidel came to see me this morning with a message of friendship from Adenauer and with instructions from the Chancellor to tell me the talks with Francois-Poncet on the Saar have gone extremely badly. In fact, in the Chancellor's opinion, the French attitude is such that, unless drastically revised, it will be impossible for the two countries to reach agreement. His last interview with Francois-Poncet was on Monday of this week, at which time I assume the Chancellor was presented with the formula of which Bidault spoke to Dillon last week. None of us here are familiar with it nor with what the Chancellor may have said in reply and therefore cannot be helpful at this time. This may be just as well since there can only be a preliminary skirmish until Bidault/comes himself to grips [redacted] with Adenauer. This Bidault probably has no desire to do until he has hurdled the foreign affairs debate in the Chamber which appears still to be scheduled for next week and which will be very hot, [redacted]

Margaret Biddle had asked me to ascertain whether Speidel would give her an interview for one of her journals on the role he [redacted] played in saving Paris at the time of liberation. I told him I had not intended to speak to him about it but, since we had met this morning, would take the liberty of mentioning it [redacted]. He stated he had received similar requests in the past and

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would be quite unwilling to give such an interview at least until the EDC Treaty had been finally disposed of one way or the other by the French Parliament. I agreed with his reasoning and told Margaret he would be [redacted] glad to see her socially but not for the purpose she had in mind.

Speidel has comported himself admirably in the meetings of the military committee of the EDC and elsewhere and impresses me [redacted] favorably.

Pres Bush came to see me this afternoon, [redacted] we had a long talk about foreign economic policy. He feels it will be [redacted] difficult for the Randall Committee to make a constructive report on which they can all agree since, especially on the tariff issue, they have not the background material on which a decision could properly be founded.

He is [redacted] concerned over domestic affairs, particularly in regard to the budget. He believes there will be a huge deficit next year, especially since many of the present taxes will shortly expire. The Republican Party is pledged to a reduction in taxes and a balancing of the budget. The two are incompatible unless large reductions in Governmental expenses can be effected. The only areas in which a deep cut can be made is in appropriations for the military establishment and foreign aid. A large reduction in the second category would be inadvisable, and one in the first would render the Administration liable to the charge of neglecting the security interests of the country. He sees no way out of this unpleasant dilemma and fears a resumption of inflationary influences at home. He is enjoying his work in the Senate but has found it such a full-time occupation that he has been obliged to ~~sever all connection with Brown Bros. Harriman and Co.~~ activities.

E. had a couple of hundred members of the ~~Junior Guild for card-playing and~~ tea at the house today.

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